

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	:	Docket:	ANO 6441P1US/5116
Benyahia NASLI-BAKIR et al.	:		
	:	Examiner:	William P. Fletcher III
Serial No.: 09/700,747	:		
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Title: METHOD OF APPLICATION	:	Confirmation No.:	4239

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**Amendment and Response**

The following Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the outstanding final Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114, the appeal (commenced by filing a notice of appeal on August 22, 2006) is withdrawn. Based upon the amendments and remarks set forth below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.